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(57) Abstract: The present invention features polypeptides comprising an amino acid sequence structurally related to SEQ ID NO: 1 and uses of such polypeptides. SEQ ID NO: 1 is a truncated derivative of a full length *S. aureus* polypeptide. The full-length polypeptide is referred to herein as full-length "sai-1". A His-tagged derivative of SEQ ID NO: 1 was found to produce a protective immune response against *S. aureus*.